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5 **IN THE SUPREME COURT**

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8 PETITION TO AMEND ) Supreme Court No. R-\_\_\_\_\_  
9 RULE 32(c)(3) ARIZONA RULES OF )  
THE SUPREME COURT ) PETITION TO AMEND  
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11 Pursuant to Arizona Supreme Court Rule 28, the State Bar of Arizona  
12 respectfully submits this petition to the Court requesting an amendment to Rule  
13 32(c)(3) of the Rules of the Supreme Court to include e-mail address as an  
14 additional contact information requirement.

15 **I. Background and Need for the Proposed New Rule**

16 Communication methods are constantly evolving. The court has worked  
17 diligently to provide members with e-filing methods and e-discovery is an ongoing  
18 discussion.

19 The State Bar communicates with its members on a variety of issues,  
20 including special requests from the Chief Justice as occurred in the Lawyers

1 Helping Homeowners program, as well as new ethics opinions, changes to rules,  
2 policies and procedures. The current Rule 32 requires members to provide the  
3 State Bar with only a mailing address.

4 In a recent survey of members, they indicated a preference to receive  
5 communications from the bar electronically. This method is not only more  
6 expedient, but also more cost-effective for the organization. In a time when  
7 budgets are strained and members are asking for the bar to cut back on expenses, it  
8 is prudent to require that all members enable us to correspond with them through e-  
9 mail.

10 Currently there are more than 3,000 members who have not provided the  
11 State Bar with their e-mail addresses. The total increases by another 1,000 when  
12 we add the number of returns we receive when we e-mail the membership,  
13 meaning over 1,000 members have not updated their e-mail addresses with the  
14 State Bar. Combined with those members for whom we have no e-mail  
15 addresses, this means the Bar cannot reach nearly 20% of its membership  
16 electronically.

17 This results in increased printing and postage costs. The Bar provides free e-  
18 mail service to its members, so it should not be a hardship for any members to set  
19 up an e-mail account. Even if a member does not have access to a computer at  
20 home, computers are available in local libraries.

## II. Contents of the Proposed New Rule.

Petitioner proposes that Rule 32 (c)(3) be amended as follows:

“All members shall provide to the state office a current street address, e-mail address, telephone number, any other post office address the member may use, and the name and address of the bar of any other jurisdiction to which he may be admitted. Any change of address in this information shall be reported to the state bar within thirty days of its effective date.”

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